

THE RATTLER

B-29s FROM PYOTE TO TOKYO!

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PATIO OPENS TONIGHT

MOS' To Decide Critical Point Rating Discharges

Eligible enlisted men of this field will be discharged soon under a new Adjusted Service Rating quota based on Military Occupational Specialty numbers, according to information received from AAF Headquarters by the Station Personnel Office. The separation will be based on individual MOS' with each MOS having a special minimum adjusted rating score for discharge.

The AAF Headquarters has determined the MOS' which are at present surplus in the AAF. The critical need for those MOS' has been considered and a minimum discharge score has been set for each MOS. Then the AAF has allotted a certain number of men in these particular MOS' to the various AAF Commands for discharge and these commands in turn allotted quotas for each of their installations.

Quotas and minimum point scores for each MOS will be subject to change depending upon the needs of the service, and whether they are on the AAF and War Department critical shortage list.

Pyote Convalescent Training Program Commended by AAF

Pyote Army Air Field has been commended by AAF Headquarters for the superior Convalescent Training Program which is carried out at the hospital.

A letter of commendation from the headquarters of General Arnold has been received here. The commendation in part reads: "It is the desire of the Air Surgeon that the surgeon and staff of the AAF Regional Hospital, Pyote Army Air Field, Pyote, Texas, be

Free Beer, Coke at Patio Dance if Weather Permits

Weather permitting the Service Club Patio opens tonight at 8 P.M. Dancing, free beer and coke, are on the program. If the weather is too inclement for the outdoor holiday party, the program will be moved to the Rec. Hall, it was announced.

PYOTE HEAT

Last Wednesday hit the peak for blistering heat in 1945, to date. The thermometer reached the 109 mark, beating June 14th's 108.7. Three days of heavy rain the first part of this week lowered temperatures. The first rain since March 31st, 1.17 inches had fallen by 5 P.M. Tuesday. Maximum official temperatures for the past week follow, compared with highs of a year ago last week:

	1945	1944
Wednesday	109	102
Thursday	101	101
Friday	103	100
Saturday	99	91
Sunday	85	95
Monday	79	95
Tuesday	78	93

PECOS RODEO ACTS MAY SHOW AT FIELD

A presstime report that some of the acts and stars of the Pecos rodeo might present a special benefit rodeo at Pyote Army Air Field later this week was unconfirmed. Special Services Office stated that they hoped the rodeo might visit the field, but that no definite arrangements had yet been made. The rodeo is sponsored by the Pecos Chamber of Commerce and is being held at Pecos today, July 4th.

commended for the initiative, administrative ability, and professional skill demonstrated in the organization and conduct of the superior Convalescent Training Program of this hospital."

A super-Independence Day celebration takes place tonight when the Service Club patio opens for the first entertainment of the season. Tonight's festivities, for all enlisted personnel, starts at 8 P.M. There'll be free beer and free soft drinks. The 728th AAF band will play for dancing under the stars.

This big 4th of July evening shapes up as one of the most pleasant events scheduled by the Special Services Office. Besides the free drinks and dancing, there will be jitterbug and dancing contests.

All enlisted personnel are invited to attend this first Patio party. They are welcome to bring their guests or wives.

CONTRACT LET FOR SERVICE CLUB

The contract for the rebuilding of the Service Club was awarded last Friday to Ponsford Brothers of El Paso, it was announced today by Major Ocie L. Conger, Post Engineer.

The actual construction work will be started as soon as the firm can get their equipment and workmen here, and it will be rushed to completion in the shortest possible time.

MONAHANS VFW MEETS FRIDAY

There will be a beer and bingo party this coming Friday night, July 6, at 8:00 p.m., at the CIO Hall, North Minor Street (back of Hutch's place) in Monahans. Wives and guests are invited. Prizes (cigarettes) will be given for bingo winners.

All members are urged to attend. Save your ration cards, come in and win your cigarettes for weeks to come.

Pyote GI Found Guilty Of PW Fraternization

A Pyote GI was found guilty by court-martial of speaking to a German Prisoner of War stationed at this field. This is the first case of violation of the paragraph 7 of the Base Regulation 80-19 tried by court-martial at this field.

An Alamogordo AAF officer was found guilty of fraternizing with a German PW at that station, according to a story in the Alamogordo Blockbuster. In reviewing the sentence assessed by the Alamogordo court-martial, the Commanding General of the 2AF ruled that the officer would forfeit \$75 a month for four months and would be restricted to the post for two months.

Pyote Reaches 87% Of Quota In 7th War Loan Stretch

Total field sales during the 7th War Loan reached a sum of \$209,571 for the week ending Saturday, June 30th, according to figures released by the War Bond Office.

Although sales reached 87% of the quota, a total of \$31,259 in maturity value must be sold before the close of the campaign to reach the quota of \$240,820 set for the field. The drive ends Saturday, July 7th.

Total sales are broken down as follows:

Officers	\$85,500
Enlisted Personnel	66,158
Civilians	57,913

RATTLER ADDS CO-EDITOR

S/Sgt. Robert H. Nash, ex-editor of The Rattler and more recently non-com in charge of Public Relations is now back with The Rattler sharing the editor's chair.

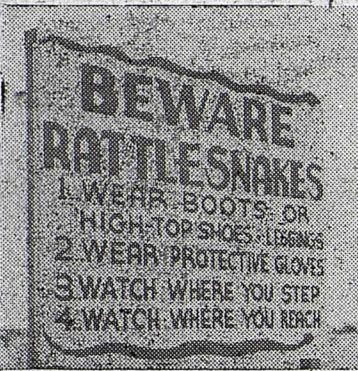
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Shame On You

We are ashamed of the majority of our readers. The tender GIs entrusted to our journalistic care have voted by a majority that they want pin-ups. A recent Rattler poll asked readers to mark a ballot for (a) pin-ups as is, (b) pin-ups more demure than in the past, (c) no pin-ups.

Of ballots received, 88 percent voted for pin-ups as is, 8 percent for pin-ups more demure, and 4 percent for no pin-ups. The most frightening aspect is that a few of the ballots added the lines "pin-ups as is—or better".

The Rattler sheds a dust-coated tear for those poor misguided boys who have such admiration for the feminine figure. We are writing our congressman asking that something be done to outlaw the female form.

Meanwhile, the editors—high-minded and woman-hating, shall continue their drive against pin-up pictures by every possible means. Two horrible examples of the photographer's pin-up art are displayed on Page 10. We ask you to please not look at them. Disgusting!—ECK.

You'll Die Laughing

Does Itchy Twichy amuse you?

Do you get a bang out of the little Jap with the buck teeth and big sword? And think it's pretty silly when the leading sons of heaven get the hari kari blues?

If so, you're probably one of those who think that Japanese propaganda is fantastic, humorous drivel which should not impress anybody. They've pulled some lulus too. For instance, when U. S. Air Force spokesmen said a greater tonnage of bombs will be heaped on Japan than Germany ever received, the Japs took it as a compliment.

"This proves," according to them, "how much more powerful we are." This brought some laughs.

Quite recently an unnamed Domei New Agency correspondent remarked: "I even hope for an early landing of enemy forces on our mainland just to sense the thrill when we strike a deadly blow to the enemy."

And the welkin still occasionally rings faintly with the tittering over Japan's recent suggestion that the United States surrender to her unconditionally. Their tip followed an American broadcast in which we clarified our "unconditional surrender" stand. Although the Japs are not usually caught so far off base in the propaganda struggle, it took them three weeks to dream up their counter-offer.

Their spokesman could not help wondering "what the Americans think of these words from Japan".

The OWI considers the speculation purely rhetorical, but to others it became the butt of jokes concerning the Japanese mentality.

Their laughs, however tempting the cause, are dangerous. It indicates our amusement at the Japanese way of doing things, which are inexplicable to us but not a bit peculiar to them.

Before you knock yourself out laughing, we refer you to a few basic facts.

The Japs know the value of propaganda, just as we do. The men who plan and circulate Japanese propaganda have learned much from their Axis pals, and today they are putting on more pressure than ever. Every radio announcement, every news item and every speech originating in the government-controlled news agencies is intended to do either of two things:

1. Leave the impression Japan cannot lose the war.
2. Convince us that the Allies cannot win from Japan the unconditional surrender which we demand.

Both of these objectives, if accomplished, would wear away our will to fight on until the inevitable unconditional surrender of our last enemy. Now they are trying to sell us the "long war" business in which they claim Japan is geared and ready to fight for 20 years or more.

It is not new. They have been trying to accomplish this since the day the war began—because they know it is impossible for them to defeat us. But what they can, and do, hope for, is that we will settle for less than unconditional surrender and leave Japan better off for her next try at world domination.

Hence the fantastic reports. They are smart enough to know that if such outlandish stories are circulated enough, they will have their effect. As its propaganda is repeated, the source is forgotten. Many stories gain currency because they strike their first hearers as amusing examples of "the funny way the Japanese mind works".

Thus, we help the enemy in his propaganda scheme when we repeat endlessly the same stupid jokes about "helping them join their ancestors" and by re-telling enemy stories no matter how ridiculous. We can combat this insidious evil much better by attempting to evaluate, in the light of their twofold objective, each story. —R.N.

There is no truth to the rumor that when a good 2AF soldier dies, his soul goes to Colorado Springs.

A woman looks at a secret two ways. Either it's too good to keep, or it's not worth keeping.

Never question your wife's judgment. Look what she married.

There's an old saying that a fish wouldn't get caught if he'd keep his mouth shut. But we think he'd get doggone hungry.

The Wolf

by Sansone

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"Okay! So we teach 'em t use bubble gum... NOW STOP 'EM!"

GI Who Says Pyote's His Favorite Base "Honored"

The Fang and Diamond-Back Social and Marching Society, Pyote's most famous organization of yucks and buffoons, named an honorary member this week to the hallowed group.

The club spotted the item in last week's Rattler where a Biggs Field GI selected Pyote as his favorite Army Air Field, and promptly and unanimously chose that fellow, Cpl. Carl Moser, to join the Fang and Diamond-Back Social and Marching Society.

A large Cactus Cluster and scroll are being sent to Corporal Moser at Biggs Field. The scroll reads:

KNOW YE ALL, BY THESE PRESENTS,

GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Cpl. Carl Moser, of his own volition and under no duress, made statement, comment, and reply that Pyote Army Air Field was his favorite air base; and Whereas, Cpl. Moser, being apparently of sound mind and body, held a brief that Pyote Army Air Field has less "chicken" and "red tape" than other bases; and Whereas, Cpl. Moser announced this opinion for public consumption, over and above the call of duty;

THEREFORE: The organization called the Fang and Diamond-Back Social and Marching Society hereby awards Cpl. Moser this scroll, testifying to his bravery and

valor in making such a public utterance giving full and adequate testimony to the charms of Pyote, and unanimously elects Cpl. Moser as a member into the ranks of the public-spirited, uninhibited Fang and Diamond-Back Social and Marching Society; Further, Cpl. Moser is hereby designated as an honorary holder of the Cactus Cluster, ancient and honorable military decoration awarded to all members of the military service who serve faithfully at such places as Pyote Army Air Field; he is, further, authorized and entitled to wear the Cactus Cluster at all social gatherings, beer busts, and annual meetings of the Fang and Diamond-Back Social and Marching Society.

(Signed) Otis P. Gripsnark, Vice President in charge of Scrolls and Decorations of The Fang and Diamond-Back Social and Marching Society.

Last Minute Spurt Puts Field 2nd for Week's Flying Hours

Bond Buyers Vie For Breakfast In Bed Tuesday

Competition runs keen in the various Squadrons to decide the highest bond purchaser who will get breakfast in bed, served by the Squadron C.O., on July 10th.

With the time running out (the contest closes July 7) competition is close in most of the Squadrons. The highest bond purchaser has breakfast in bed, served by the Squadron's Commanding Officer. Second highest person in each Squadron has his bunk made and area policed by the First Sergeant. High bond buyer for the field has dinner in bed served by Maj. E. A. Swingle, Commandant of Troops.

Squadron A is a nip-and-tuck race, currently led by Cpl. William Potrykus, who has bought \$2,000 worth of bonds. Cpl. Herbert Leibert is a close second, and threatens to outdo Potrykus.

Another close race is in Squadron E where M/Sgt. Claude Venters and Sgt. Sylvan Hart are fighting it out for the honors. Squadron F is topped by Sgt. Francis J. Harcar and T/Sgt. Le-

Pyote climbed a notch to second place in flying hours for the past week, when B-29s here amassed a total of 1664 hours for the week ending midnight, Friday, according to figures compiled by the Statistical Control Office.

Although Pyote placed second in the weekly totals, Alamogordo had compiled enough time earlier in the month to top all stations in the 16th Wing. Alamogordo AAF compiled a total of 6080 hours for the month, up to and including June 29th. Pyote places third for the month of June with 5908 hours.

With the start of a new month, all field personnel are urged to put forth every effort to carry out their particular job so that Pyote may once again top all bases for B-29 Flying Hours.

Roy Echols.

Squadron M's two top men are T/Sgt. Lawrence Shipp and Sgt. Gregory Jankowski.

The contest ends July 7th and the breakfast-in-bed program will be held July 10th.

Production of Gorgonzola, the world renowned cheese, has begun again, say reports from Italy.

CACTUS CLUSTER



This is the Cactus Cluster awarded the Biggs Field GI, designed by Pfc. Phil Luft, honorable member of the Fang and Diamond-Back Social and Marching Society. The T.T.O. on the emblem stands for "Texas Theater of Operations".

INSIGNIA ON SALE

The official Pyote Army Air Field insignia is now on sale at the Post Exchange. Capt. E. A. Stromfors announced. The insignia, measuring 5 inches in diameter, may be worn on flight jackets, field jackets, coveralls, and work clothes.

MIDLAND AAF FURLOUGH SET AT 30 DAYS PER YEAR

Midland Army Air Field, which has been following the one 15-day furlough a year plus travel time, reverted to the old Army 30 days a year, according to the Midland Air Scoop. The new ruling calls for (a) one 15-day furlough per fiscal year plus travel time; (b) such additional furlough, not to exceed a total of 30 days per fiscal year, if the EM can be spared; (c) all 3-day passes in excess of two per fiscal year will be deducted from the 15 additional days of line (b). Fifteen percent of field

Telephone Exchange Burglary May Force Closing Phone Office

The all-night telephone office, located in the post office building, was the object of a burglary recently.

This incident has caused the removal of the coke machine from the office, and the officials expressed the opinion that any further incident of this type might cause the phone office to be closed. Coins were removed by the burglars from the pay phones and from the coke machine.

The phone office, since its installation several weeks ago, has been a very popular and convenient spot for personnel placing long-distance calls after duty hours.

strength may be on furlough at a time. Midland Army Air Field is a unit of the AAF Central Flying Training Command.

This Week--

At The Theatres

Unless otherwise noted, Theater No. 1 shows at 1:30, 6:30, and 8:30; Theater No. 2 shows at 7:15 and 9:15 with matinee Sunday only, at 2:15.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

"THE CORN IS GREEN" with Bette Davis and John Dall. (Bette breaks her heart for six reels over a guy that she tries to make a gent and scholar out of.) Shorts: Paramount News.

FRIDAY

"WITHIN THESE WALLS" with Thomas Mitchell, and Mary Anderson. (Dad runs a prison, son becomes a criminal, and daughter falls in love with a convict, which just shows you what a warden has to contend with.) Shorts: Passing Parade, Community Sing, and cartoon.

SATURDAY

"NAUGHTY MARIETTA" (revival) with Nelson Eddy and Jeanette MacDonald. (A princess disguises as a maid, gets captured by pirates, and ends up running a marionette show. Singing all the time, too.) Shorts: Cartoon.

SUNDAY & MONDAY

"THRILL OF A ROMANCE" with Esther Williams and Van Johnson. (Esther gets left on her wedding day and falls in love with Van Johnson. Moral: don't marry a business man.) Shorts: Paramount News.

TUESDAY

"BELLS OF ROSARITA" with Roy Rogers and Dale Evans. (Roy saves the ranch and wins the girl, as usual.) Shorts: Battle of Supply, Sports Parade, and Terrytoon.

WEDNESDAY

"OUT OF THIS WORLD" with Eddie Bracken, Veronica Lake and Diana Lynn. (Eddie is a Crosby-Sinatra with dame trouble. Very funny. Music, too.) Shorts: Merrie Melodies and Paramount News.



Around the Field

PHONE EXCHANGE: Phone exchange room open 24 hours a day in northeast corner of Post Office; furnished with chairs, writing tables, magazines. Attendant on duty from 5 to 10 PM weekdays and 8 AM to 11 PM Sundays who expedites long-distance calls and makes change.

TALENT CLUB: Meets every

CONTOUR MAP





MALE CALL

by
Milton
Caniff



YOU MEAN YOU WANT A GAG, TOO?

—Reprinted by request.

Monday evening at 7 PM at the Special Services Office, next door to the Service Club.

MODEL PLANE CLUB: Pyote Prop Pushers, field's model plane club, has quarters in Sq. D area; invites all model-plane enthusiasts to join. Details can be acquired from Sq. D orderly room.

BOWLING: Alleys open from noon to 11 PM.

SWIMMING POOL: 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM.

DANCING: EM dance Friday evenings, 9 to midnight, at Rec. Hall.

LIBRARY: 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM.

SEWING: Free sewing work at Red Cross Office Thursday from 10 AM to 5 PM. Office located across street from library.

CARLSBAD CAVERNS—Trips to Carlsbad Caverns each Sunday; leave from Special Services Office at 6:30 AM second and fourth Sundays for GIs; first and third Sundays for EM and wives (or WACs and husbands). Trips are for Enlisted personnel only. Only ex-

pense to GIs is cost of noonday meal (50c). Wives must pay regular admission fee to Caverns. (\$1.80). Reservations must be made prior to trip at Special Services Office, phone 27.

ART AND PHOTO CLUB: Art Club meets Monday and Thursday, Photo Club Tuesday and Friday, beyond the Hospital; 7:30 PM.

OFFICERS' WIVES CLUB: Meets each Thursday afternoon; bridge luncheon the 1st and 3rd Thursday; dessert bridge the 2nd and 4th Thursdays. Information concerning the club can be had by contacting Mrs. G. B. Motherhead at the Officers' Club.

SERVICE CLUB: Cafeteria open from 8 to 10, 11 to 2; and 3 till 11. No beer before 5, and Class A after 5 PM.

TENNIS COURTS: EM Courts diagonally across from Service Club.

At the Chapel

CATHOLIC: Sunday Masses: 8:00, 12:00, and 5:15. Daily Mass: 5:15. Evening Devotions: 5:45 PM Tuesday and Friday. Confessions:

7:30 to 8:30 PM Saturdays and before all Masses.

PROTESTANT: Sunday: Hosp. Service, Red Cross auditorium, 9:15; Civilian Sunday School at Civ. Pers. 9:30; Section C chapel service at 10:00; Station Chapel Service 10:30; Section C Vesper Service at 7:30; Station Vesper Service at 8:00. Wednesday: Section C Bible Study 7:30; Bible Quiz hour, Station Chapel, 8:00.

JEWISH: Friday Sabbath evening service, 7:30.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE: Weekly service Sunday at 2:15 PM.

At Monahans USO

Thu.—Dance at 9 p.m. Music by Pyote AAF orchestra.

Fri.—Informal activities.

Sat.—Record swing program.

Sun.—11:00 Donuts and coffee; 1:30 Classics on record; 4:45 KR-LH Broadcast; 6:00 Buffet Supper; 7:30 Informal sing; 8:30 Movie, "Quiet Please, Murder", with Gail Patrick, George Sanders.

Mon.—Game night.

Tue.—Convalescent night.

Wed.—Arts and Crafts program.

Bus Schedules To Surrounding Towns Revised

The Rattler prints the latest bus schedules to Kermit, Wink, Pecos, Monahans, and Odessa for your reference. It is suggested you clip this out to keep in your billfold.

KERMIT - WINK

The first bus for Kermit leaves the field at 5:30 AM, arrives at Kermit at 6:30 AM, leaves immediately, and arrives at the field at 7:30 AM. The run to Kermit takes 60 minutes. Buses leave the field at 5:30, 8:30 AM; 2:30, 5:30, and 9:30 PM; and 12:30 AM.

PECOS - PYOTE

The first bus leaves Pecos at 6:45 AM, stops at Barstow at 7:00, and arrives at the field at 7:30. The run takes 45 minutes. Barstow is 15 minutes from Pecos, 30 minutes from the field. Buses leave the field at 8:30, 9:15, 10:00, and 11:00 AM; 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, and 11:00 PM, and 12:20 and 1:20 AM. Buses leave Pecos 6:45, 8:00, 9:15, 10:00 AM, and 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 3:45, 5:00, 6:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, and 10:45 PM and 12:15 AM. Saturday nights only a late bus leaves Pecos at 1:15 AM, leaves the field at 2:10 AM.

MONAHANS - PYOTE

The first bus leaves Monahans at 5:40 AM, arrives at the field at 6:15. The run takes approximately 40 minutes. Buses leave the field at 6:15, 8:15, 9:35, 10:50 AM; 12:10, 1:30, 2:20, 3:00, 3:40, 4:20, 5:00, 5:40, 6:20, 7:00, 7:40, 8:20, 9:00, 9:40, 10:20, 10:55, 11:35 PM, and 12:05 and 12:40 AM. Buses leave Monahans at 5:40, 6:50, 9:00, 10:10, 11:30 AM, 12:50, 1:40, 2:20, 3:00, 3:40, 4:20, 5:00, 5:40, 6:20, 7:00, 7:40, 8:20, 9:00, 9:40, 10:20, 11:00, 11:30 PM, and 12:10 AM.

ODESSA - PYOTE

Buses to Odessa leave through the week from the field at 2:20 only. Arrives in Odessa about 4:00 PM. On Saturday and Sunday only evening buses leave for Odessa at 6:20 and 9:00 PM. They arrive in Odessa about an hour and forty minutes later. Buses leave Odessa for the field at 4:30 daily; 8:30 and 11:00 PM on week-ends.

MIDLAND FIELD SETS DISCHARGE QUOTAS

The Central Flying Training Command set discharge quotas for Midland AAF last week. The quota called for discharge by MOS. Thirty-four EM and 49 officers, holding certain MOS' and having sufficient points, were ready to head for separation centers. The discharge by MOS was also restricted to combat returnees, the Midland Army Air Field newspaper stated.

AN APOLOGY

The Special Services Officer wishes to apologize to the GIs of this field for scheduling Glen Gray's orchestra for a Sunday afternoon jam concert, and not have it carried through. The Special Services Office wishes to take the responsibility for this unsuccessful attempt to give entertainment to the GIs. It was not in the Gray contract to play a concert, but since no other orchestra we have asked to play a special concert for the GIs has ever refused, we went ahead and made preparations, assuming that Gray would do the same.

In the future Special Services will not assume that any band hired to play here will play an additional concert free. Only when it has been made a part of the contract will be schedule and advertise such a program.

Capt. Carl J. Holcomb,
Special Services Officer.

"Ask the Boys at the Main Gate"

Les Brown's Band Plays Tuesday PM

Les Brown and his orchestra will make a two-night stand at Pyote Army Air Field next week. Brown's sensational swing outfit will play for an enlisted men's dance at the Rec. Hall Tuesday night, July 10th from 8 to midnight. Wednesday night, July 11th, he will play for the dance at the Officers' Club, from 8 to midnight.

Good news to the Pyote swing colony is the word that Les Brown's orchestra is coming here. Les Brown's up-and-coming band has been featured at the Blackhawk in Chicago, the Palladium in LA, the Hotel Astor roof in New York, and the Meadowbrook in Cedar Grove, N. J.

His recording of "Joltin' Joe DiMaggio" is a disc best seller.

Featured with Brown are Roberta Lee, a trim little package, baritone Hal Derwin, and novelty-vocalist Butch Stone.

Brown's orchestra is a solid swing outfit, composed mostly of a bunch of 1936 collegiates from Duke University, Brown's alma mater.



LES BROWN

Four-Foot Snake Killed Near Red Cross Building

If any newcomer ponders the reason why the field is nicknamed the Rattlesnake Army Air Field, this should dispel all doubt.

A four-foot rattler, with ten rattles, was killed last week, within six feet of the Red Cross building. Pfc. John Foreman and Pvt. J. C. Edwards dispatched the rattler with comparative ease.

The snake was one of the largest slain on the field in the past few months.

"Babe", a small kitten belonging to Mrs. Nell Wood, of the Red Cross staff, was bitten by the snake. A staff member of the post newspaper, getting too eager for a story, was in turn bitten by the kitten that was bitten by the snake. The reporter turned in for sick call at the Veterinary office.

All field personnel are again warned that there are rattlesnakes on the field and to exert every possible precaution. Watch where you walk and where you step. Avoid short cuts. Stick to streets and well traveled paths.

RETRACTION—

The story on furloughs that appeared in last week's issue of The Rattler has been retracted.

OUT OF THIS WORLD



Veronica Lake is featured in "Out of This World" with Eddie Bracken and Diana Lynn at Theaters 1 and 2 next Wednesday and Thursday.

Remember Request for Lemon Meringue Pie? Here's Answer

Saturday was a Lemon Meringue Day in the life of Aut Carey, Squadron D, who hails from Erdenheim, Pennsylvania.

A letter from Richard S. Carey, Aut's dad, was printed in the Postmark Pyote column of The Rattler last week. Mr. Carey wrote that his son liked lemon meringue pie, and inasmuch as it was impossible to send one through the mail, would it be possible for The Rattler to supply Aut with a pie?

The Rattler printed the letter, leaving out Carey's name as his Dad wanted it to be a surprise.

Saturday morning The Rattler phone rang. It was M/Sgt. Bill Bevers, Station Mess Sergeant, and he had—not one, but two succulent, delicious, artistic lemon meringue pies for that boy.

The pies were baked by Sgt. George Connacher of Sq. A—one of Pyote's top-flight bakers at Mess Hall 2. From there on, it was a simple matter to get Aut and the pies together.

And Carey ate the two lemon meringue pies at one sitting, and wiping his face afterward, exclaimed: "Mmmmmm—just like Mom useta make!"

So, Aut had his lemon meringue pies thanks to Bevers, Connacher, and the Food Service Section. The Rattler thanks these swell fellows

BRITISH HAD HOT WELCOME PREPARED FOR NAZIS

A hot reception would have greeted the Nazis if they had attempted an invasion of England. Great tanks of petroleum were dug in on hilltops; the push of a button would have sent walls of flame rolling down the slopes into the sea to welcome the attacking Germans. Flame throwers were built into the beaches, and defiles in the famed white cliffs of Dover could have been turned red with flame on a moment's notice. Some of the Nazi traps were able to throw fire 300 yards.

for their service and hospitality, and passes the word along to Aut's dad that there are some doggone nice folks at Pyote Army Air Field.

HE LIKES LEMON MERINGUE

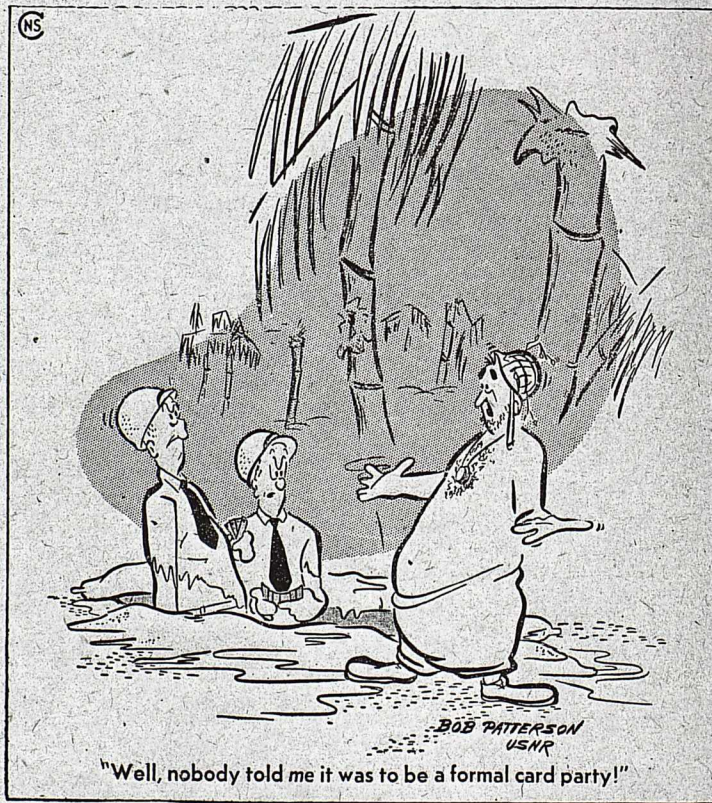


Aut Carey (center) gets set for another bite of a creamy delicious lemon meringue pie, baked by Sgt. George Connacher (right), while M/Sgt. Bill Bevers looks on wistfully. For the story of the lemon meringue pies, see above.

CREW OF THE WEEK



The crew that won honors for keeping their ship ready for flight the greatest number of hours last week pose for their picture. They are, back row (left to right): Pfc. H. L. Poock, Vancouver, Wash., Cpl. L. N. Stover, Topeka, Kans., Pvt. C. A. Rogers, Attalla, Ala., Pvt. J. Thomas, Uniontown, Pa. and Cpl. D. G. Roseffe, Williamsport, Pa. In front row (left to right) Cpl. E. D. Genova, St. Louis, Mo., Sgt. N. Narva, Black River Falls, Wisc., and Rex, Pyote, Texas.



The Danish underground reported that neutral Sweden secretly armed the Danish underground against the Nazis.

The 7th War Loan ends this Saturday. Have you done your full share? Pyote is still short of its quota. Let's all pitch in 100%!

2 Pyote Gridders May Win Trials With 2AF Super's

Names of two Pyote AAF soldiers are going into the reservoir of gridiron talent from which the 2nd Air Force will draw its team this year.

A 2AF representative, here this week interviewing talent, submitted the names of Pvt. Royal J. Cathcart, of Clearwater, Fla., and Pfc. Michael G. Banas, of Chicago.

Submission of their names does not mean the lads are assured berths—or even try-outs. It means that their physical description and football background will be taken to Colorado Springs for consideration.

Cathcart, a 19-year-old 6-footer, played high school football at Long Beach, California's Polytechnic High and then moved on to Compton Junior College where he lugged the leather as a right half-back for two years. Compton in years past has turned out some crack elevens. Cathcart, an airplane mechanic, weighs 180 lbs.

Banas, a husky, 197-pound guard and blocking back, has experience in high school, college and pro circles. After three years gridiron experience at Roosevelt High in East Chicago, he attended the University of Wyoming at Laramie where he played blocking back. Then he got in a year's experience with the Inland Steel Gophers, East Chicago semi-pro outfit. Banas is a synthetic trainer operator and instructor.

The 2AF Superbombers, which last season was one of the most highly regarded and highest-scoring service teams in the country, may be an even more potent outfit this year.

BAGS THREE JAP PLANES WITHOUT FIRING A SHOT

Lt. Robert J. Stone shot down two enemy planes and then bagged three more without firing a shot, according to a Ryukyu Island dispatch. After getting the first two, his P-47 was jumped by 25 Jap fighters. He dove from 28,000 feet to the deck. As he skimmed the trees trying to make his get-away, a twin engined Nip plane in front of him took off. Stone rose to avoid the plane. "My prop wash must have hit two Jap fighters behind me," he said. "They collided and crashed into the bomber and all three smashed to the ground."

No. 1 song on the Berlin Hit Parade is "Berlin Will Rise Again", sung by a honey-voiced German torch singer.

The army is holding 600,000 PWs to work as laborers in France, with French people in charge.

Carlsbad Netters In Return Match

The Carlsbad, N. M. Army Air Field tennis team will play Pyote's net men here Saturday, July 7, in a return match.

Singles will begin at 1000 and doubles will be played in the afternoon. Portable bleachers will be set up by the enlisted men's courts, where the matches are scheduled, for the benefit of spectators.

Playing on the Pyote team will be Cpl. Carroll Steele, Cpl. Buell Warner, Lt. Dick Prather, Sgt. Corky Van Heusen, Sgt. Elliott Leonard and Lt. Cartan.

PT Department Moves Office

Clearing and routine official functions of the Physical Training Department are now located in the office of the Director of Technical Training (Bldg. T-268) instead of the Rec. Hall.

All routine inquiries regarding Physical Training or Survival Aquatics training should be addressed to that office. The phone number is Ext. 207. Personnel clearing the station and personnel being processed upon arrival at this station should use the entrance on the flight line side of the building.

Eighty Wave officers have qualified as aerial navigators, the first women in American history eligible to serve in military or naval flight crews.

Squadron A Aces Nab First Round of League

Finnel Hurls Second No-Hit Game Of Year

Pfc. Chuck Finnell, Squadron A's ace moundsman, turned in his second no-hitter of the season Saturday night as the A-men turned back the Wickett All-Stars 8-0.

Finnel was backed up by six hits.

The line score:

	R	H	E
Squadron A	8	6	1
Wickett All-Stars	0	0	4

Eleven Hospitalized By Ground Accidents During Past Month

Ground accidents at Pyote Army Air Field were quite numerous during the month of June. Eleven injuries requiring hospitalization were sustained by military personnel, produced by various agencies from motor vehicles to gasoline and athletics.

Two lost time injuries were sustained by civilian employees, both of which were attributed to unsafe acts that were in violation of safety rules. All 13 accidents were evidence of failure on the part of individuals to use ordinary safe

The Squadron A Aces pocketed with ease the first round of the station softball league. To date the team has scored ten victories against no defeats.

The Aces meet the Monahans All-Stars tonight at Monahans in a special holiday game.

The Aces tabbed an average of 8.6 runs per game in ten contests against station league teams, Monahans and Wickett clubs.

The season record:

- Aces 8, Sec. III 0
- Aces 15, Sec. C 3
- Aces 14, Bombsight Dept. 2
- Aces 16, Ground Station 1
- Aces 4, Star Gazers 0 (no hit)
- Aces 3, Monahans Fire Dept. 0
- Aces 3, Link Trainers 1
- Aces 9, Medics 0 (game won by default)
- Aces 6, Monahans Fire Dept. 5
- Aces 8, Wickett All-Stars 0 (no hit)

guards and common sense. In other words Pyote is charged with 13 lost time injuries all of which were avoidable.

The Ground Safety Section requests the cooperation of all personnel at this station in reducing accidental injuries to an absolute minimum.

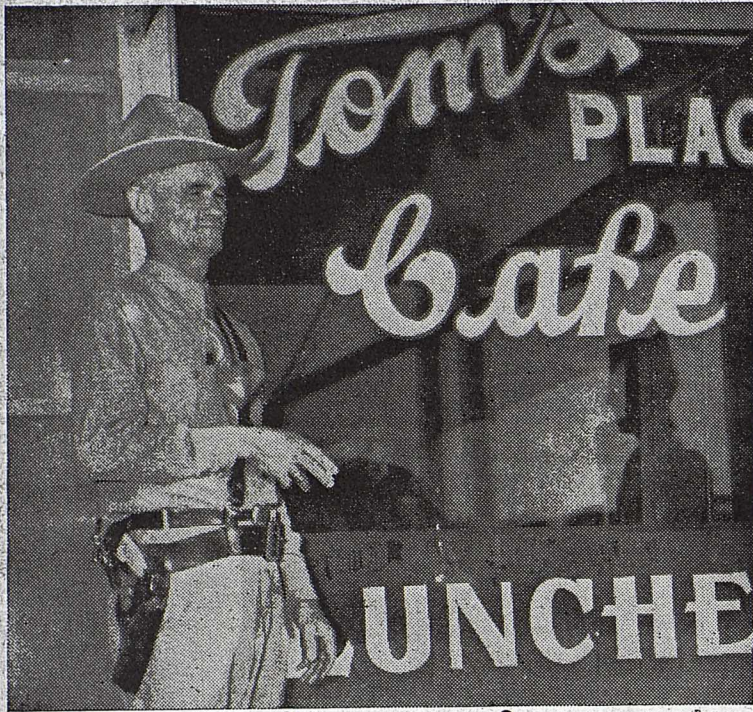
Think, talk, and act safely.

WINNERS OF FIRST ROUND



The Squadron A softball club, winners of the first half of league play with a perfect record, is shown here in a pre-practice pose. Left to right, standing: Cpl. "Pop" Novogradac, Pfc. Joe Weishenblatt, Sgt. Irving Moskowitz, Cpl. Jim Barry, Sgt. Lee Emery, Cpl. Everett Moore, Cpl. Mel Miller, S/Sgt. Doug Pilcher, 1/Sgt. Stan Schmidt, and S/Sgt. Jack Cannon. Kneeling: (left to right): Pfc. Donald Clark, Pfc. Phil Music, Sgt. Walt Pendergast, Sgt. William Ray, Cpl. Chester Zebrowski, Pfc. Chuck Finnell, and the manager, S/Sgt. Joe Gannon.

So This Is Pyote!



THE SHERIFF OF PYOTE

STRIPES

TO STAFF SERGEANT

Sqdn. E: Karl Hosack.

TO SERGEANT

Sqdn. PY-7-13: Glen Bishop, James C. Hague, Richard Mead, Charles Knell.

TO CORPORAL

Sqdn. B: Talitha Collins.

Sqdn. PY-7-13: Maynard Rayburn.

Sqdn. A: William Potrykus, Joseph Valla, Michael Clarizio.

Sqdn. D: Earl C. Glass.

Sqdn. E: Donald Elkins, Phillip Glasser, Robert DeJonker, Carlos Casavantes, James Henley, Edwin Myers, Calvin Lynn, Melvin Jewett, George Brennan, Harvey Bishop.

Sqdn. C: John R. Simon, David Long.

TO PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

Sqdn. C: S. D. Embry, Jesse Dyson, Leon Adams, Charles Lucas, John McFarlin, James Tindal, Lewis Johnson, Robert Wilson, Gus Younger, Johnnie Gordon, Leroy Hamilton, L. B. Johnson, Anthony Warren, Isaiah Pearson, Samuel Conaway, Thomas Butler, Louis Holiman.

Sqdn. A: Leonard Snipper.

Sqdn. E: Paul E. Johns, Edward F. Smith Jr., Dayton Card, Sampson Goff, Tom W. Martin, Paul Hassler, Harvey Amundsen, Harold Heidenreich.

Sqdn. D: George W. Frank, Charles Hourigan.

Sqdn. B: Genevieve Slesar, Louise Foley.

Lack Of Air Discipline Nets 52 Accidents; Takes 68 Lives

All the pilots and crews that have gone before you have learned things that you are learning now. From their experiences, the Air Forces has evolved techniques and regulations which make the flying you do today safer by far than it was in the past.

Flying regulations represent the result of study of the sum total of experience in the AAF. Following those regulations is common sense—not chicken. Every flying regulation has the purpose of making flying safer for the individual, for you.

Air Discipline amounts to your personal evaluation of your character. If you "know it all", you'll disregard those regulations, you'll take the short cuts that have proved to be so costly in the past. But if you are a real man, a big man, you do it by the book; you are Air Disciplined. S.O.P., wearing of parachutes, checking your airplane before and after flight, radio procedure, navigation; all these are part of Air Discipline.

That we still have the "wise guys", however, is evident by the fact that during a recent period, the 129 violations of flying regulations resulted in 52 accidents of which 17 were fatal and took a toll of 68 lives. Punishments (for those who lived) ranged from dismissal from the service to administrative corrections.

Bill Mauldin, GI's Favorite Cartoonist, Gets Discharged

Sgt. Bill Mauldin, creator of Joe and Willie, the figures in the Stars and Stripes cartoon, is now Mr. Mauldin. His present plans are to bring his grimy heroes into civilian life too.

"I think it wise", the 23-year-old Pulitzer Prize winner said, "to follow them through and see what happens to them. They experienced induction, training, and a long period of war and now they are coming home."

PLEASE! STAY OFF THE GRASS

An appeal for all personnel to be more careful in staying off grassed areas on the field is voiced by the Director of Administration and Services, Lt. Col. John H. Goodloe.

"Now that prisoner of war labor is available, and another water well is being drilled, we have an opportunity to develop the best grass areas in the history of this field," states Col. Goodloe.

"I want to appeal to everybody on the base to be very careful not to walk in areas where grass has been planted. By the cooperation of all we can make this a little better place for everyone."

Mauldin informed Denver reporters that Gen. George Patton tried to get him to change his style of cartooning, to quit kidding the officers and to make his soldiers look more soldierly, a UP dispatch stated.

Time magazine quoted the GI's best-friend as saying: "Joe and Willie don't need pity because you don't pity brave men. They simply need bosses who will give them a little time to adjust their minds and their hands, and women who are faithful to them, and friends and families who stay by them until they are the same guys you left years ago."

Now a civilian, Mauldin will be remembered as the GI who drew with painstaking, acrid humor the life of the foot-soldier, without fear or favor, and won the plaudits of every GI in the world.

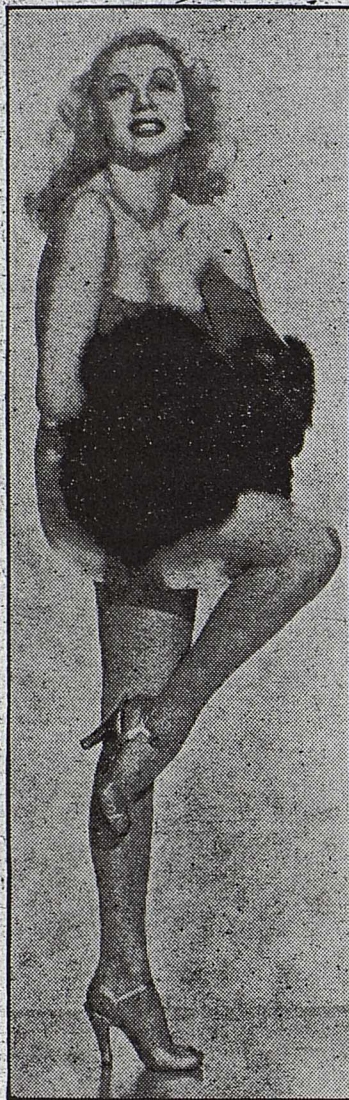
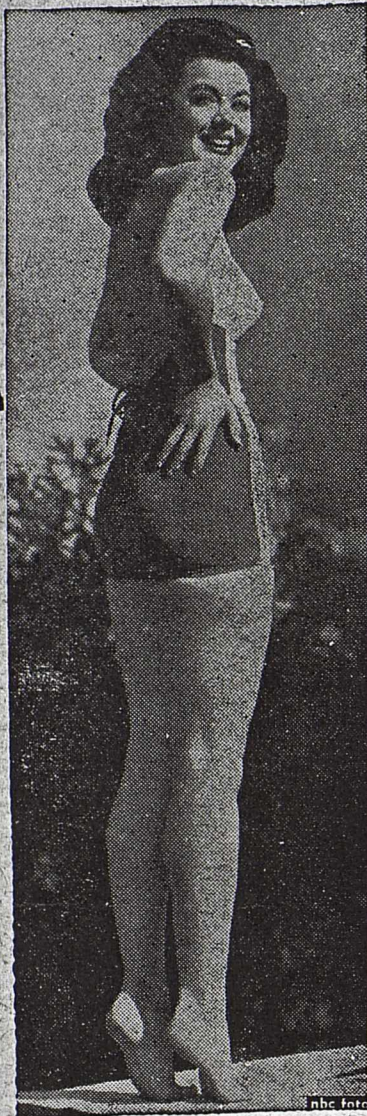
B-29s . . . From Pyote to Tokyo!

JOE AND WILLIE FINALLY SHAVE



"If ya see Willie, tell him Joe's lookin' fer him. He swiped my razor."

Rattle Snake Charmer



These two pictures are being returned to the senders. Some lecherous Rattler readers mailed them to us in the hopes that The Rattler would stoop to such pin-up pictures. The girl on the left is an actress named Ann Rutherford, who ought to have more to do with her time than run around like this. The other girl is named Christine Ayres, who does all sorts of things, they tell us, on the stage. We don't know what the younger generation is coming to. Isn't this display atrocious?

RATTLE-SNAKE HEAVEN

(A series of stories concerning Pyote—the town and field—and how they got that way.)

CHAPTER IV

According to geologists, this particular spot in Texas is called the Permian Basin, and some quarter billion years ago, it was a vast shallow sea.

Some years ago, an attempt was made to irrigate this territory and the irrigation ditch got as far as ten miles from Pyote and then they dropped the whole idea.

Where the Army Air Field is now, was the site for much antelope grazing back in 1910.

Pyote is a land of many surprises. Old hands here chuckle at

the newcomer's look of bafflement. When you get off the T&P (it boasts two trains a day each way through Pyote), you are slightly astonished at what you find.

It began as nothing but a re-

Are You Kearns-Bound? Here's What to Expect

Kearns, Utah, is a pretty well-known place. GIs in the Air Force have heard a lot about it, but what's the inside dope on it?

This is what a Kearns correspondent wrote about the place:

The first thing you want to do when you find yourself on an overseas shipment and headed for the AAF Replacement Depot at Kearns is to discount every latrine-o-gram.

In a phrase, it's a good deal, as Army deals go. You won't find the comparative luxury of your old field, but you'll find many things that'll please you.

Probably the two outstanding points about Kearns are efficiency and speed. You get your first taste of these two attributes at the Union Pacific Railroad station in Salt Lake City where you are met by an officer with a fleet of GI trucks. No matter what time you check into Kearns, you are started on the well-oiled processing routine. Your records are checked immediately; you're assigned to an outfit and a barracks and you draw your bedding. It's still chilly enough up here at night and early morning for two blankets and a comforter.

There are plenty of roll calls during the course of a Kearns day. First step on the processing tour is at one of the camp theaters, where you are greeted by chaplains of the three major faiths.

Between talks and films, your records are scrutinized thoroughly to see if all pertinent matter is entered on your service record and form 20. You also get your last chance to make a will and power of attorney and to authorize allotments and invest in war bonds.

You get a private interview about your classification. Your physical exam is another Army marvel of rapid, efficient handling of men on a wholesale basis. You strip down, put your

fueling stop for wagon trains. And then the surprises started—Oil! The three little letters that have meant so much to Pyote. The Winkler County oil boom in 1928 surprised the daylights out of this sleepy town.

When the boom dissolved, that was another surprise. In 1934, another oil boom, and surprised Pyote woke up all over again—and drifted back to sleep a year or so later.

It was a surprise when the Army Air Force moved in in 1942. And it was a surprise to the soldiers themselves to see what Pyote was.

But the land of surprises doesn't stop there. No indeed. For there's another surprise for the town 25 miles east of the Pecos.

Three miles west of Pyote an oil well has been discovered and it looks like a gusher!

Pyote is a most surprising place!

THE END.

clothes in a bin, then start through the line that moves snake-like through various offices.

Passing that you come to the dog tag machine where a GI with a sturdy and rapid touch can knock out a new set of dog tags as fast as you can spell your name, give your serial number, blood type, and religion. The only officer you encounter on the entire tour of medical examination is the dental officer. All other work is done by GIs.

Rank makes no difference here when it comes to KP. The place is overrun with Sergeants, many of whom are first three grades. Pfc's and Cpls. have a field day making with the wise cracks when their eyes feast on four, five, and six-strippers wrestling with pots, pans, and garbage pails.

About the post itself: Don't expect any swimming pool or golf club. There is a service club, two post movies, several cafeterias, bowling alleys, and PXs.

At Kearns you probably will do more standing in line than you've ever done in the Army. You stand in line for everything: For chow, for passes, for mail, for interviews, for processing, for buses, etc.

The GI chow is about the best.

The day after you arrive you are paid any travel or ration allowance coming to you.

There are no overnight passes. Passes, when they are allowed, are good until 1 AM, following the date of issue. When and if you are ordered to Kearns, travel light. Don't bring a thing you don't need, not even a small week-end bag. Pack everything in your barracks bags.

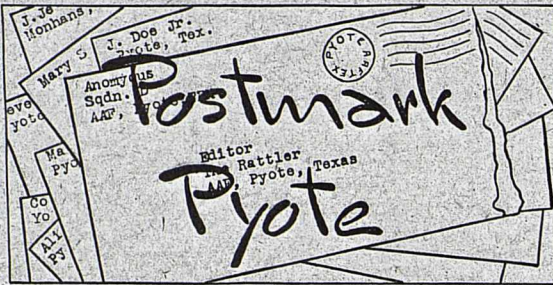
If you are married, don't bring your wife. Obey your orders and leave at home, your wife, other relatives, dependents and pets.

When your overseas processing is completed and you're ready to proceed to a theater of operations, you march behind a band to the railroad siding, passing under an arch inscribed: "Through this gate pass the best damn soldiers in the world". You're then on your way.

BILL TO INCREASE CIVILIAN PAY GOES TO PRESIDENT

A bill to increase the pay of federal white collar workers was approved by the Senate last week and sent to the White House for action, the Associated Press revealed.

"Postmark, Pyote" opens the columns of The Rattler to any and all correspondence. Letters should be signed but names will be withheld on request. Address: Editor, Rattler, Pyote



AAF, Texas. The Rattler reserves the right to edit letters, and decide which are to be published. No letters will be returned. If your barracks bag's in salvage, blow it out here!

WHO'S A FOUL MOUTH?

Editor, The Rattler:
Come down off that soap-box and shush-up about this foul mouth business. Why not say something nice about the fellows who haven't forgotten what little gentlemen are made of? There are plenty of other girls in my shoes—or ones the same size and style. There are more of us than there are of the other brand of prigs, that bring an editorial like last week's.

We work in offices where GIs and officers outnumber women. Most of the fellows have seen a lot of cactus and little culture. We couldn't blame them if they slipped on a bad word often, but they don't! They appreciate a gal around—and if the gal conducts herself in any sort of ladylike demeanor, she won't be embarrassed over the foul mouths you mentioned. The boys at Pyote are exceptionally well-mannered, we think, and we don't like your harsh words.

Indignant.

• As one of Pyote's boys, we appreciate being called well-mannered, trust those good manners are in some small measure due to The Rattler's reminders about foul mouths.

WHOOPS!

Editor, The Rattler:
This is my first complaint with The Rattler in two years of steady reading. Maybe it's because it concerns me.

My beef has to do with the caption to my picture on Page 5 of the June 21 Rattler to the effect that I was 'awarded a 10-day furlough for suggestion designed to save the AAF time and money'. That's wrong. The award was made for six accepted suggestions. Your announcement has embarrassed me in the eyes of my friends. Knowing the first duty of any paper is to present the truth, I am sure The Rattler will see my side of it, and do the right thing.

Frank Vizzinni.

• To good friend Frank, our apologies. You're right. Six accepted suggestions and you deserve all the congrats in the world. We shall give our caption writer a suggestion as to where he can put his furlough.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Editor, The Rattler:
My brother was a PW at Christmastime and never got the presents my family sent him. Some of them were pretty valuable. What do we do?

S/Sgt. N.B.M.

• They should have been marked "Prisoner of War" and returned to the sender. If they were not, sender should obtain Form 1510 from the post office and file claim.

FAMILY ALLOWANCE

Editor, The Rattler:
My dad is trying to make me take out a family allowance payable to him so that he can save \$50 a month for me. I get little enough as it is. Can he get the Army to make me come across?

Pvt. H.F.D.

• Family allowances are paid to Class B dependents (parents, grandparents, etc.) only when the EM okays the allotment. The EM's consent is not required in the case of Class A allotments (for wives and children).

JAPOLOGY



It is important to remember that the Jap plays for keeps. He expects no mercy if captured and he gives none to any prisoner he takes.

Former 98th Bomb Group Men Now Stationed On Field

By CPL. PETER J. WEDGE

Pyote Army Air Field—Jovial reunions have been taking place all over the field during the past week as new arrivals, mostly former members of the famed 98th Bomb Group, which has recently returned from the Mediterranean Theater of Operations, greet former buddies who returned some months ahead of the group on the AAF rotation plan.

Every evening at the PX, the Service Club, or the swimming pool, one can see clusters of former Ninety-Eighters, discussing the past two-and-a-half years of overseas experiences in Egypt, Libya, North Africa, and Italy.

Most of these former 98th men have sufficient points to warrant a discharge from the service. This also carries the swing of a major part of the conversation. They are all hopeful that the War Department, Second Air Force, and Pyote will aid them in that respect.

During its lengthy 33 months of overseas duty in the Mediterranean Theater, the 98th was credited with 12 battle stars (three more are pending), two Presidential Citations, and numerous commendations from high Allied theater commanders.

Perhaps the one outstanding achievement of all, that will live in the memories of all Ninety-Eighters, was the low-level Ploesti raid on August 1, 1943. This mission was led by Colonel John R. "Killer" Kane, who merited the Congressional Medal of Honor for this superior exploit. Col. Kane served as commanding officer of the 98th for 18 months. He is now commanding officer of the Second Air Force base at McCook, Neb.

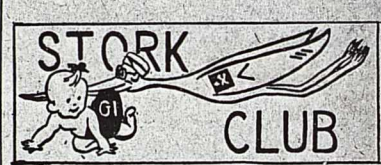
The 98th Bomb Group is now training for the Pacific war at another Second Air Force airfield. But, most of its members will not return with it on its next overseas jaunt. They are to be assigned to permanent bases in the Second Air Force.

Wherever the 98th goes, all of the former members will be watching with interest her deeds. The traditions, spirit, and esprit-de-corps of the group will be carried along from the Mediterranean Theater to the Pacific. Among others, who will be watching her with interest, is General H. H. Arnold, head of the Army Air Forces, who stated on one occasion, as he addressed the group personnel at an overseas base,

FLYING SHORT SNORTS



YOU MAY FIND YOURSELF OUT ON A LIMB IF YOU DON'T PRACTICE AIR DISCIPLINE. FLYING SAFETY PAAAF



CAREY—Born to Lt. and Mrs. Bernard P. Carey at the Pyote Regional Hospital on June 25, a girl, Mary, weight 6 lbs. 1 oz. Lt. Carey is assigned to Sqdn. F.

VENTERS—Born to M/Sgt. and Mrs. Claude Venters at the Pyote Regional Hospital on June 27, a girl, weight 5 lbs. 6 ozs. M/Sgt. Venters is assigned to Sqdn. E.

SIMS—Born to MM2/c and Mrs. Gerald Lloyd Sims at the Pyote Regional Hospital on June 27, a girl, Dana Ruth, weight 7 lbs. 6 ozs. MM2/c Sims is with the USN.

BOWEN—Born to Pfc. and Mrs. Samuel Bowen at the Pyote Regional Hospital on June 28, a girl, Myra Alice, weight 6 lbs. 4 ozs. Pfc. Bowen is assigned to Sqdn. D.

BLAKE—Born to M/Sgt. and Mrs. J. G. Balke at the Pyote Regional Hospital on June 24, a girl, Johnny Belle, weight 8 lbs. 10 ozs. M/Sgt. Blake is assigned to Sq. D.

KEREKEF—Born to Pfc. and Mrs. Ernest Kerekef at the Pyote Regional Hospital on June 24, a boy, Ernest Frank, weight 8 lbs. 4 ozs. Pfc. Kerekef is assigned to Sqdn. F.

MAJORS FIELD PLACED ON STAND-BY BASIS

Majors Field, Texas, Second Air Force training field for P-47 fighter pilots, was placed on a "stand-by" basis this week, according to a story in the camp newspaper Flight Report. No announcement was made of the future mission of the field.

"this group has passed all of my expectations!"

Rattler's Free Classified Ads

CLASSIFIED ADS

The Rattler will accept classified ads for publication, free of charge. Ads must reach The Rattler or Public Relations Office before 5 p.m. Monday. The Rattler will act solely as a media for publishing the advertisement and as such will not accept any responsibility for ads printed.

FOUND

GOLD CROSS—If you lost one at the Gym see Cpl. Vince Guccione at Bks. 620 (next to Mess No. 3).

HUB CAP—Missing one from your Pontiac? Duke Fargher at Apt. T-1348-A has it.

IDENTIFICATION BRACELET—If Jim Gillespie will come in he can have it. Ye Rattler Office.

MARVIN YEATTS—If you don't come in and get your bracelet

we'll turn it into the salvage drive . . . The Rattler.

EVERSHARP PENCIL found in CCD area. Owner may have it by calling at Hqs. CCD, Bldg. T-601.

WEDDING RING—Will the bride come and get it at The Rattler Office?

WANTED

ANYONE ON THE FIELD who has had experience with carnivals—either with side-shows or concessions is requested to contact Cpl. Art Hammell, Special Services Office. Phone 27.

A GOOD HOME-COOKED meal and pay besides awaits a GI who will take care of my son evenings. Contact Cpl. Art Hammell, phone 27, Special Services Office.

TRANSPORTATION

GOT ROOM for another rider from Pecos AAF to Pyote AAF

and return. Hours from 8 to 5. Contact S/Sgt. H. Hawling at Finance Office, Phone 20.

PYOTE TO EL PASO—A one-way ticket for sale, \$2.50, at Bks. 404.

PERSONALS

I CHALLENGE any boy to a rubber model plane contest! And I promise to beat him! Duke Fargher at Apt. T-1348-A.

GRAN—You're all fouled up on that score. Meet me after 6:30 Tuesday and we'll straighten it out. M.F.M.

ANYONE knowing a sure way to make hair grow, please write me the details. I'm desperate. Address Box H-C, c/o Rattler Office.

WHO WANTS A PUPPY? My dog had eight of them. See Phil Luft at Special Services Office, Ext. 27.

LOST

FIND A WALLET? I lost mine at Theater No. 1 and would appreciate its return. Finder please keep the dollar for his trouble. T/Sgt. Harold Tomkiel, Sqdn. F. Barracks No. 539.

WHITE GOLD WATCH containing two small diamonds. Lost on

field during rain storm. I value this watch greatly as it was a gift from my deceased mother. Will pay liberal reward for return. Mary Wilkinson, Civilian Personnel Office, Ext. 18.

IDENTIFICATION BRACELET—Has Mary Lee engraved on it. Lost between the dorms and Theater No. 2. Please bring it to The Rattler Office.

REWARD FOR RETURN OF BILL FOLD—Lost in vicinity of Sub-Depot Hangar. Jim H. Graham, Ext. 122.

TAN HAT WITH RED FEATHER—Anybody find one? Name of Fargher inside. Please return to Duke Fargher at Apt. T-1348-A.

FOR SALE

ALL AUTO ADS in Rattler must conform to OPA regulations. Ads must list make, body model, year, price, and that the price is in line with OPA ceiling.

'35 PLYMOUTH SEDAN—\$175.00 takes it. Below OPA ceiling price. Pvt. Andy Hurt at Ext. 27.

TABLE MODEL RADIO, 6 tubes, Stewart Warner. \$40.00 takes it. Sgt. Orr at Mess Hall No. 5.

BABY CRIB—\$15.00 takes it, practically new. Sgt. Moran at Ext. 245.

WANNA BUY A DISCHARGE? War Bonds will end the war sooner and give you that go-home paper quicker.

NEED A RADIO? \$25.00 buys one. Jack Price in Pyote.

HOUSING

ROOM FOR RENT in Pecos. No cooking facilities. Air conditioned. Call Cpl. Root at 236.



BE American

SHARE Your CAR!

Save GAS CARS, TIRES!

287-2450 00-40

HAVE YOU ANY LEGAL PROBLEMS?

Legal assistance may be obtained by military personnel and their dependents by consulting Courts and Boards Office located in Station Headquarters. Important problems such as Wills, Powers of Attorney, Domestic Relations, Claims, and Naturalization, which involve the security of your personal and property rights, should be attended to at once. Neglect or failure to do so may prove very costly in many ways.

ASK about school credit for Military experience

LT. W. C. GRUBEN
SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICE
NEXT TO SERVICE CLUB
PHONE 27



KOOPS' KORNERS

PYOTERS ARE TALKING ABOUT:

The recent War Dept. Circular that states that any enlisted man or woman 39 years old, eligible for discharge when he or she reaches 40, will not be sent overseas. The only way a 39-year-old GI can get overseas now is to sign a document that waives all rights for separation from the service for 12 months following climbing on board for foreign destinations.

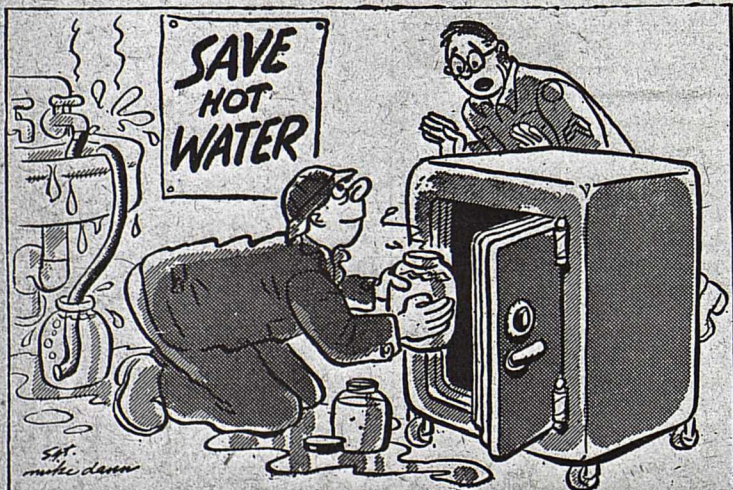
Chances for cutting down the discharge age, currently pegged at 40; some congressmen are on record as favoring trimming the discharge age to 38, 35, and even down to 30. Maj. Gen. Stephen Henry says, "if the age was cut to 38, 300,000 men would be eligible the first year; if the age was cut to 35, 700,000 men would get out the first year; if the cut were made to 30, 1,800,000 men would be discharged." The Army's personnel chief does not favor cutting the age below 40.

The point system which is finally getting clarified. General Henry stated that the final critical score will be above 70. The War Dept. thinks combat service should have preference over age. However, some men who had enough points to get out as of May 12, 1945, will still be in the Army in June, 1946, because of difficulty of securing replacements. That number will be about 200,000, General Henry stated.

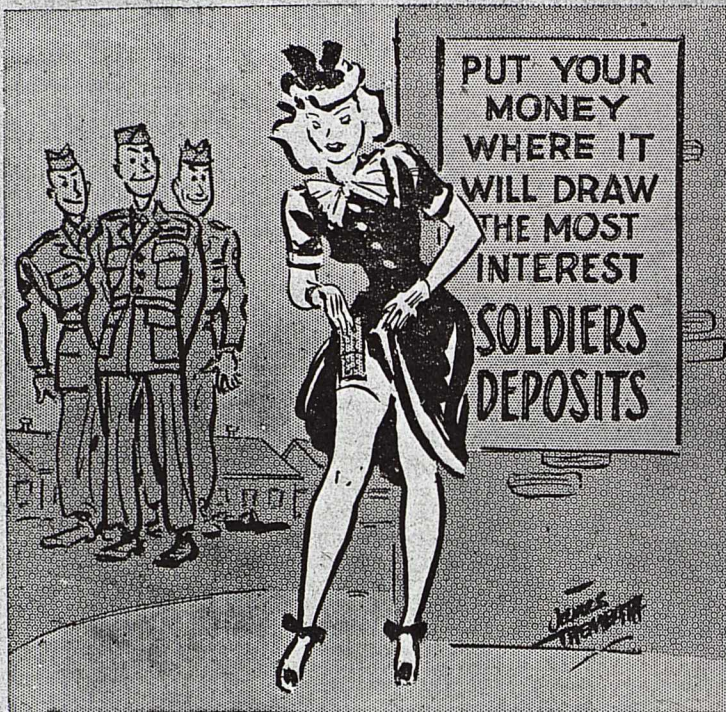
On V-E day, 5,500,000 men were overseas, 2,800,000 were in the States. By the end of June, 1946, 4,000,000 men will be overseas and 3,000,000 in the States. The 3,000,000 figure will drop rapidly thereafter since more than half will be units and individuals in training for overseas service. Four hundred thousand AAF personnel will be qualified for discharge under the point system. Officers are being released at the rate of 2,000 a week. Discharge score for them is secondary to the prime requirement of military necessity.

They polled 1,800,000 GIs as to how they ought to discharge Army personnel. The married GIs voted 4 to 1 that marriage should be a factor; the single GIs voted 4 to 1 that marriage shouldn't be. The final standing was 3 to 2 against making marriage a factor for discharge. Only three percent of those polled thought that age should be a factor in discharges.

Hap Arnold's statement in Manila last week that—by the end of 1946—Japan will have ceased to exist as a bombing target. The General believed that in the near future round-the-clock bombing of Japan will be instigated, and that she will be a country with no large cities for industry; she will be blockaded and stripped of all fuel resources. He forecast two million tons of bombs will hit Japan



"No, Horwath. You've misunderstood the idea entirely."



from B-29s within a year's time.

That the War Department will okay—at some future time—the suggestion that wives and families who so desire may travel to Europe to be with their soldier-husbands. The WD will allow this when conditions permit. They may also permit fiancées to go to Europe to marry their fiancés—but all this is pegged for some future time, not very immediate.

Maj. Gen. Curtis LeMay's non-stop flight from Hawaii to Washington in a B-29. The Superfort made the non-stop haul of 4,640 miles in 20 hours.

The big free beer bust set for tonight at the Service Club patio. This is the first patio event of the season and should be a howling success. Needless to say, the continuance of such parties depends entirely upon the actions of those that attend tonight . . . so for everybody's sake, let's keep it clean.

The rain. Two days of steady drizzle is the most rain Pyote has had since Easter, if memory serves me correctly.

One of the month's most asked-for books at the library, Earl Wilson's "I'm Gazing Into My 8-Ball". The book (and there's quite a waiting list for it) remarks that Carole Landis has a figure like a chiffonier with the top-drawer open.

The acute ice shortage affecting the field. The PX has had to close the tap-room early evenings due to lack of sufficient ice to keep the beer cold.

The heat. The hottest day so far this year was June 14 when the thermometer recorded an official 108.7 (that's in the shade). Hottest recording at Pyote in history of the weather station was Aug. 1, 1944, when the temperature hit 112.

The stack of new books just arrived at the library. Emily just received a fine selection of new novels, and technical books. The list (far too large to mention here) includes such best sellers as "Alexander Woolcott, His Life and His World", (the biography of the Man Who Came to Dinner); "The Male Hormone" by Paul deKruif (science's newest method of increasing vigor); "Desert Island Decameron" by H. Allen Smith, (a collection of short stories by the low man on the totem pole); "Up Front" by Mauldin, (the newest book-of-the-month); "A Million Homes A Year" by Dorothy Roseman, (a guide for home building according to income); "Tom Paine" by Woodward, (the biography of "America's Godfather"); Bennett Cerf's "Try and Stop Me" (a modern Joe Miller gag collection); "Enrico Caruso" by Dorothy Caruso (the biography of the world's greatest singer, by his wife); "Great Son", by Edna Ferber, (another of the lusty, picturesque novels of pioneer life); "Antoine" (the autobiography of New York's best-known hair-stylist); "Jazz" by Robert Goffin (the history of jazz and swing); and "Esquire's Jazz Book" (more of the same). Those are just a few of the new books now at the library. There is a large collection of sciences, geographies, and technical books on plastics, aviation, etc.

The Number One tunes on the Pyote Juke-boxes for June were "I'll See You In My Dreams", "Five Salted Peanuts", and "Sleighride In July".